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## BIOGRAPHY

- ◆ Started toying with a small flute at the age of 3 years.
- ◆ First public performance at the age of 6.
- ◆ Gurus - **Pandit Venkatesh Godkhindi & Vidwan Anoor Ananth Krishna Sharma.**
- ◆ First Indian Flutist to perform on the 8 Feet contrabass flute.
- ◆ **Top Ranking Artist** in Hindustani Bansuri by Akashvani (AIR).
- ◆ **First Indian** to represent Bansuri at the **World Flute Festival** held at Mendoza, Argentina.
- ◆ **National Awards** for Films **Beru & Vimukthi.**
- ◆ Brand Ambassador for Harman - **AKG Microphones.**
- ◆ **Titles: Surmani, Naada-Nidhi, Sur Samrat, Kala Praveena, Aryabhata, Aasthana Sangeet Vidwan** from Udipi Sri Krishna Mutt, **Venu Gaana Maharaj, Aasthana Sangeeth Vidwan** from Shringeri Sharada Peetham.
- ◆ **ZMR Award** - Best Contemporary Instrumental Album 2016, USA
- ◆ B.E. - Electrical & Electronics Engineering with Distinction
- ◆ Performed with Eminent Musicians like **Ustad Zakir Hussain, Dr. Balmurali Krishna, Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Dr. Kadri Gopalnath, Sivamani** and many more...
- ◆ Pravin has toured **USA, Canada, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Muscat, Qatar, Holland, Bangkok, Singapore, Dubai, Argentina and Portugal** for his solo and fusion performances.

## GURU AND EARLY TUTELAGE

Born in a family of musicians, music is a divine blessing to Pravin. He hails from Dharwad, a place which has given to the world many great musicians like **Pt. Bhimsen Joshi, Gangubai Hangal** and **Pt. Kumar Gandharva**. He is fortunate to have his father **Pt. Venkatesh Godkhindi**, an eminent vocalist and Bansuri Artist of the country, as his first and only Guru for Flute. Pravin started toying with a small flute at the tender age of three and since then it has been his best companion. His passion for Flute could hardly be matched with anything else even during his childhood. With such a passion blended with early hours of rigorous Riyaz under the able guidance of his guru, Pravin started exhibiting the glimpses of a genius in the making. Pravin gave his first public concert at the age of 6 years and held the audience spellbound. His quest for deeper knowledge about **Layakaari** brought him to his Guru, Vidwan **Anoor Ananth Krishna Sharma** a reputed Mridangam artiste who is providing able guidance to Pravin on the deeper aspects of **Laya** and **Layakaari**.

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## TWO DIFFERENT STYLES OF PLAYING

His father has taught him **Bansuri** in **Kirana Gharaana Gayaki Style**. But Pravin added the **Gatkaari** or **Tantrakaari** STYLE by his own efforts and succeeded in it. He is adept in both the styles. Sonorous blowing, control over the breath, elaborations of Raga with its aesthetic appeal, extraordinary and skillful rendition of **Layakaari** are but a few salient features of his flute recital. He has been ably balancing both traditional and creative music. **Western classical, Jazz** and **Carnatic** classical also have favorably influenced him. A front-ranker from the beginning, Pravin has completed his B.E (Electrical and Electronics) in first class with Distinction.

## THREE GENERATIONS OF FLUTISTS

Another noteworthy feature of Pravin's family is that, his was the only family of flutists, probably, in the entire country where the three generations **Pt. Venkatesh Godkhindi, Pravin Godkhindi**, and his son, **Shadaj Godkhindi** performed together on the stage. They have performed all over the state and some parts of the Gulf countries in 2008. Sadly Pt. Venkatesh Godkhindi passed away in April 2015, but the Jugalbandi tradition is being continued by father-son Pravin & Shadaj. Music critics believe that Shadaj will create a niche for himself in the days to come.

## AS A FUSION ARTISTE

Pravin has formed a fusion band called **Krishna**, which has all the three forms of **Music viz.** the Hindustani, the Carnatic, and the Western Music. The band is very popular on the concert circuit because of its uniqueness in content and presentations. Pravin has independently worked with great contemporary fusion maestros like the great jazz pianist **Louis Banks** and all time great drummer and percussionist **Shivamani**. He has also been featured alongside singers **Hariharan** and **Shankar Mahadevan**, He has also been involved as a guest artist in various national and international bands like **BLOF** from **Holland** and **Layalahiri**.



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